

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his helpfulness in discussing the election requirement with the undersigned on April 15th. As discussed with the Examiner, non-elected matter has been retained in the claims. It is understood that this is appropriate in view of the possibility of rejoinder.

The applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, i.e. compounds of the formula of claim 1 wherein X is an optionally substituted amide, amine or sulfonamide group; their compositions and their methods of use.

With regard to the Examiner's request for an election of species within the elected group, the applicants elect the compound of Example 131, i.e. 6-(4-butylphenyl)-1-(3-chlorobenzyl)-3-(4-isopropoxybenzoylamino)-indole-2-carboxylic acid.

New claims 40-42 have been presented for consideration along with claims 1-39. Claim 40 is like claim 1 but specific to the Group II definition of X; claim 41 is of intermediate scope with respect to claim 40 and the applicants' elected species while claim 42 is specifically drawn to the elected species.

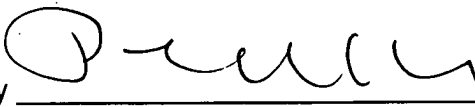
It is believed that all of the applicants' claims, i.e. original claims 1-39 and new claims 40-42 are readable on the elected invention and species.

Claims 32-34 have been amended to comply with current practice.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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